

CHIEF, AIDS & COMMUNITY EPIDEMIOLOGY

DEFINITION:

Under administrative supervision, to plan, organize, and direct a Countywide AIDS and Community Epidemiology program in compliance with county, state, and federal law and to perform related work.

DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS:

This is a one-position class found only in the Health and Human Services Agency (HHS). This class is responsible for the development of new programs and methods to address the public health aspects of AIDS, communicable disease, and epidemiology.

EXAMPLES OF DUTIES:

Plans, directs, assigns, and reviews work of professional, technical, and paraprofessional personnel in all areas of AIDS, communicable disease, and epidemiology; initiates and supervises the development and implementation of technical methodologies; designs and implements work programs for the analysis of AIDS and HIV epidemiology; provides consultation and education to field public health nurses, medical professionals, and the public; conducts data analysis; monitors morbidity reports; prepares reports related to local health issues; directs field sanitarian investigations; assists in the development and preparation of rules and regulations; and assists in the development of program plans and budgets.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

Thorough Knowledge of:

- Anatomy, physiology, and diseases of the human body.
- Epidemiological trends and disease patterns, their characteristics, and possible causation, including AIDS.
- Methods of conducting physical examinations.
- Statistical theory and techniques used in epidemiological, demographic, health, and bio-medical research.
- Methods of diagnosing and treating diseases and physical ailments.
- Statistical and research concepts.
- Recent development in general medicine.
- Techniques of disease control, including AIDS.
- Medicines used in the treatment of mental illness.

General Knowledge of:

- Principles and practices of medical administration.
- Principles of supervision and training.
- Physical, psychiatric, and rehabilitation therapies.
- The General Management System in principle and practice.

Skills and Abilities to:

- Apply general medical principles.
- Maintain effective relations with patients and with other professional and paraprofessional staff.
- Communicate in both oral and written form.
- Relate to patients and their families.

EDUCATION/EXPERIENCE:

Education, training or experience, which clearly demonstrate possession of the knowledge, skills and abilities stated above. An example of qualifying education/experience is:

Graduation from a medical school of recognized standing with a degree of M.D. plus post-internship training or experience in an area specific to pediatrics, internal medicine, or public health AND extensive training in infectious disease epidemiology.

Note: 10% additional salary if Board certified in specialty involved in over 50% of assigned duties.

SPECIAL NOTES, LICENSES, OR REQUIREMENTS:**License:**

Applicants must possess a valid license to practice medicine in the State of California before employment.

A valid California Class C driver's license is required at time of appointment or the ability to arrange transportation for field travel. Employees in this class may be required to use their own personal vehicle.

Working Conditions:

May be exposed to contagious diseases.